

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Edwin SOUTHERN et al. :  
Serial No. NEW : Attn: Application Branch  
Filed August 23, 2001 : Attorney Docket No. 2001\_1178

A METHOD FOR ANALYSING A POLYNUCLEOTIDE  
CONTAINING A VARIABLE SEQUENCE AND A SET  
OR ARRAY OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES THEREFOR  
(AS AMENDED)

(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional of Serial No. 09/502,778,  
Filed February 11, 2000)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

*Page 1, immediately after the title, please insert:*

This application is a divisional of Serial No. 09/502,778 filed February 11, 2000, which is  
a divisional of Serial No. 08/930,798 filed October 6, 1997.

*Page 1, line 3, please rewrite the title as follows:*

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VARIABLE SEQUENCE AND A SET OR ARRAY OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES THEREFOR

*Page 1, line 5, please rewrite as follows:*

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION